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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Ross J. Hamel

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For: **RETRACTOR WITH  
INTERCHANGEABLE  
RETRACTOR BLADES**

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Examiner: Kilkenny, Patrick J.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 19, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application. The aforementioned amendments are believed to put the application in condition for allowance or at least put them in better condition for allowance and appeal, and should therefore be entered by the Examiner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.